

1. FLORA AND FAUNA

XI. COMMON AND RARE SPECIMENS

CACTI

The flora in Aruba can be designated as desert or aridland flora. The thorny brushes, trees and cacti are abundant though not in large numbers of species. The cacti growing wild can be summed up as follows.

Cadushi	LEMAIREOCEREUS GRISEUS
Common cactus. Fruit Edible. Used for fencing. Wood used for furniture. Fruit with thorns. Day blooming. Grows everywhere. Large Flower.	

Breba di cachor. CERES REPANDUS
Common cactus. Fruit edible. No apparent use. Wood used for
furniture. Fruit clean. Day blooming. Grows everywhere large
flower.

Breba di Pushi CEPHALUCEREUS LANUGINOSUS
Common cactus. Fruit non-edible. No apparent use. Tender young parts edible. Wood used for furniture. Has woolly tufts on plant.
Large Flower.

Bushi, Cabez di Indian. Popehead MELOCACTUS
Several types. Flowers alike. Fruit edible. Used as ornament. Not
very common Flowers pink. Fruit white or red.

Tuna di Baca OPUNTIA ELIATOR
Flat, leafy type. Flowers pink. Fruit edible, not recommended. Not
common. No known use. In years of drought used as food for animals.

Tuna (comun) Prickly Pear . . . OPUNTIA ELATIOR
Flat, leaf-type. Flowers yellow. Fruit-edible not recommended.
Very common. No known use. In years of drought used as food for
animals.

Tuna Nopal. Cochineal Plant . NOPALEA COCHENILLIFORA
Flat, leaf-type. Flowers pink / yellow. Rare no known use. Fruit non
edible.

Tuna Brabo. Common Prickle OPUNTIA WENTIANA
Flat leaf-type. Bright Yellow Flower. Red fruits. Edible but not
recommended. In years of drought used as food most common of prickles
for animals.

Candelabria CEREUS HEXAGONUS.
High upright night-blooming cactus. White pinkish flowers. When
blooming hundreds of flowers. Fruit edible. Dark red. Rare.

Cadushi di Colebra. Crown of thorns ACANTHORCEREUS TETRAGONUS
Creeping cactus. Three, four or five sides long blades. Night
blooming. Flower white / pinkish. No known use.

Sympinja di Colebra

OPUNTIA CURASSAVICA

(Sushi di pushi) Small leaves, sometimes cylindrical. Tiny yellow flowers. Cause very painful pricks. No known fruit. Not very common. Ornamental use.

Cadushi di Surinam

EUPHORBIA LACTEA

" di Trankera

Heavily branched, though of small dimensions. The plant holds lots of milky liquid. Excellent as fence. No other apparent use. Doesn't bloom locally.

Cadushi di lechi. Malabar Tree

EUPHORBIA TIRUCALLY

Curious leafless tree with heavy milky liquid in branches. Also called wishbone tree. Milky substance poisonous /irritant.